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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ALITALIA "WET LEASE" EXTRA SECTIONS

REF: (A) STATE 102581; (B) ROME 5619; (C) STATE 73181

1. HAVING RECEIVED NO RESPONSE (DESPITE REPEATED REMINDERS)
FROM MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO APRIL 18 REQUEST FOR ALITALIA
US - ITALY AIR CARGO SERVICES DATA (REF B), EMBASSY ASKED
ALITALIA IF THEY COULD PROVIDE INFO.

2. ALITALIA REP LECCESE INFORMED EMBOFF JUNE 3 THAT DURING
PERIOD 1 JANUARY 74 - 31 MAY 1974 ALITALIA OPERATED 200 ONE-
WAY (US-ITALY OR ITALY-US) AIR CARGO SERVICES--THE
EQUIVALENT OF 100 ROUND TRIP SERVICES--INCLUDING "WET
LEASE" EXTRA SECTIONS.

3. ALITALIA SCHEDULES CALL FOR 5 WEEKLY ALL CARGO SERVICES.
THERE WERE 21 WEEKS 3 DAYS IN FIRST 5 MONTHS OF 1974 AND
SCHEDULED ROUND TRIP ALL CARGO SERVICES TOTALED 107 DURING
THIS PERIOD. INCLUDING "WET LEASE" EXTRA SECTIONS, ALITALIA
HAS OPERATED SLIGHTLY FEWER ALL CARGO FLIGHTS THAN WERE
SCHEDULED.

4. BASED ON ABOVE DATA, WHICH EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION,
ALITALIA DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ENGAGED IN DELIBERATE
"OVERSELLING" OF CARGO SPACE (PARA 3 REF C). LECCESE STATED
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THAT OCCASIONALLY EXTRA SECTION WAS REQUIRED TO HANDLE CARGO

BACKLOG, BUT THAT AT OTHER TIMES SCHEDULED SERVICES WERE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF LACK OF CARGO. EMBASSY NOTES THAT SAME SITUATION PREVAILS WITH PAA, WHICH FREQUENTLY REQUIRES EXTRA SECTION FOR CARGO BACKLOG IN ROME. WHILE TWA RARELY NEEDS EXTRA CARGO SECTION, SEABOARD REQUIRES EXTRA SECTION ON IRREGULAR BASIS.

5. COMMENT: GIVEN FREQUENCY WITH WHICH PAA OPERATES EXTRA CARGO SECTIONS OUT OF ROME, EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT UNWISE (AS WELL AS UNNECESSARY) PURSUE "OVERSELLING," ARGUMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ALITALIA "WET LEASE" EXTRA SECTIONS. AT PRESENT ALL US SCHEDULED CARRIERS EXPERIENCING NO RPT NO PROBLEMS IN OPERATING EXTRA SECTIONS FROM ITALY.BEAUDRY

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